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## COMATKWINGPAC COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY93

### 1. Command Composition and Organization

a. MISSION OF COMATKWINGPAC. The mission of Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington (COMATKWINGPAC) is to provide the fleet with combat ready attack (VA) squadrons, trained to conduct carrier-based, all weather, attack missions as required by the fleet tactical commander.

b. Organizational Structure. COMATKWINGPAC is a subordinate commander to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and acts as his representative in the functional specialty of VA matters.

c. Operational/Administrative Control. COMATKWINGPAC exercises control over one fleet readiness squadron (VA-128) and the Medium Attack Weapons School Pacific. Attack squadrons homeported at NAS Whidbey Island are VA's 52, 95, 165, and 196.

d. Command Title. Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMATKWINGPAC) is Captain John T. Meister, USN.

### 2. Chronological History:

#### JAN 93

CDR Terry J. Toms assumed command of VA-128.

VA-52 conducted highly successful coordinated strike against Iraq on 13 Jan.

Introduced Video Tape Recorders (VTRs) for the Maverick IR captive carry training missile and trained station/squadron personnel on same.

Began the swap-out of Sargent Fletcher 31/301 Aerial Refueling Store RAM Air Turbines (RAT) with CVW-15, transitioning them to the super RAT.

Super RATs received on board and started throwing blades, began engineering investigation.

Maintenance Program Assist (MPA) Visit on VA-95.

Conducted a courtesy MPA Visit on VA-115 prior to actual event in April.

Command Review conducted on VA-115 (Atsugi, Japan) 11-14 January.

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FEB 93

ATTACK WING, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET established 1 February.

VA-196 participated in Medium Attack Advanced Readiness Program (MAARP), Fallon, NV.

VA-52 supported North Arabian Sea CENTCOM forces.

Deployed first TOPSCENE mission rehearsal system. Unit was deployed on board USS NIMITZ. Unit was 18-months ahead of schedule.

Performed Pre-Cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI) on VA-145/VA-155.

Performed Post-Cruise MCIs on VA-145/VA-155.

Attended an A/A42R-1 Aerial Refueling Store (ARS) Program Review at NAS Oceana, Virginia.

MAR 93

VA-95 completed ITA/COMPTUEX; shot first non-combat SLAM missile.

VA-52 supported CENTCOM forces in Persian Gulf.

VA-115/CVW-5 coordinated Minex, Chinhae, RK.

Trained two Naval Air Weapons Center (NAWC) field representatives on the TOPSCENE mission rehearsal system and established interim maintenance and logistics support.

Prepared an Engineering Technical Support (ETS) survey justifying the ETS billets on Staff.

APR 93

VA-95 conducted FLEETEX.

VA-95 A-6E aircraft collided with a cropduster while flying the VR-1354 near the town of Diamond, WA. Both aircraft destroyed, no fatalities. Class "A" Flight Mishap.

VA-155 disestablished.

Attended Electronic Warfare Integrated Logistics Support Management Team (ILSMT) in Jacksonville, Florida.



Successfully disestablished all Fleet and Staff Personnel Reliability Programs (PRP) and Special Weapons Programs.

Conducted Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI) at Medium Attack Weapons Detachment, El Centro, California.

Conducted Pre-Cruise MCI on VA-95.

Message released requiring removal of HALON Inerting Bottles while in CONUS.

#### MAY 93

Command Review conducted on VA-128 17-21 May.

VA-165 supported Operation Southern Watch.

VA-52 returned from successful combat deployment via Hawaii Tiger cruise.

CDR James H. Engler assumed command of VA-52.

Attended Aviation Ordnance/Quality Management Board (AO/QMB) Conference at COMNAVAIRPAC, San Diego, California.

Hosted AEROSMITH contractor on board for squadron Maintainable Environmental Connector Accessory System (MECAS) repair training.

Conducted a CWTPI on VA-115.

Completed major software upgrades to the A-6E SWIP Part Task Trainer (PTT).

Attended a six week SLAM missile training program at Yorktown, Pennsylvania.

Conducted a Post-Cruise MCI on VA-52.

Attended the Distribution and Executive Team Meeting (ETM) at NAS Pensacola, Florida.

Attended Radar Obsolescence Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia.

VA-95 received 1219C601-1 Analog to Digital (A/D) Converters.

Conducted VA-95 Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation (AME) Reinspection.

Issued MK-1 Life Vest Maintenance Requirement Card (MRC).

JUN 93

VA-115 completed first at-sea MAARP while enroute to Australia.

CVW-5 began Australia MAARP.

VA-165 supported Operation Restore Hope with armed reconnaissance missions over Somalia.

VA-95 commenced WESTPAC deployment.

Conducted BLU-109/MK84 fitness test for Texas Instruments, Inc., in preparation for fleet introduction of the GBU-24 Guided Weapon.

Implemented "FIREBREAKS" at NAS Whidbey Island. A Navy-wide program designed to prevent accidental weapons firing.

Established an Aircraft Armament Equipment (AAE) Pool at Medium Attack Weapons Detachment, El Centro, California.

VA-95 deployed.

Hosted an ARS Action Team Meeting.

Command Launched Computers established as TYCOM controlled.

Attended Electronic Warfare Integrated Logistics Support Management Team (ILSMT) Conference at Jacksonville, Florida.

Attended the A-6/EA-6B Aircraft Maintenance Training Systems Management Advisory Team (MTSMAT) at NAS Oceana, Virginia.

Attended Fleet Readiness Aviation Maintenance Personnel (FRAMP)/Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment (NAMTRAGRUDET) Consolidation Planning Conference at NAS Oceana, Virginia.

JUL 93

VA-115/ CVW-5 Darwin, Australia MAARP completed.

VA-165 completed Restore Hope Operations.

VA-128/VA-115 completed operationally required four-plane TRANSPAC coordinated by COMATKWINGPAC.

Hosted Texas Instruments, Inc., Joint Direct Attack Munitions/Joint Standoff Weapons (JDAM/JSOW) Conference.

Attended WestPac Weapons Officer Conference at NAS Miramar, San Diego, California, to discuss ETS issues.

Conducted CWPTI on VA-128.

Introduced Laser Guided Training Rounds (LGTRs) to community and provided training to squadron and station personnel.

Attended Digital Range Safety (DRS) Maintenance Plan Review in Jacksonville, Florida.

Recovered approximately 14 radar reflector dishes from DRMO.

Attended A-6E Block 1A Program Management Review at China Lake, California.

Attended A-6 Radar Development Conference at China Lake, California.

Coordinated station-wide FOD Walk Down with NAS Whidbey Island.

J52P-409 ILSMT Review held at Pratt and Whitney, West Palm Beach, FL.

#### AUG 93

COMATKWPAC/VA-128 completed Laser Guided Training Round evaluation during Intruder Derby.

VA-196/CVW-14 Strike Training, Fallon, NV.

VA-115 completed Kunsan, RK weapons detachment.

VA-196 participated in Joint Air Defense Organization/Joint Engagement Zone (JADO/JEZ).

VA-165 returned from successful WESTPAC deployment.

VA-95 transited Arabian Gulf to begin support for Operation Southern Watch.

VA-128 won Intruder Derby.

Intruder week held and following Intruder of the Year awards presented:

Maint CPO - AMCS (b) (6) - VA-145  
Line/Troubleshooter - AME2 (b) (6) - VA-155  
Avionics/Armament - AT1 (b) (6) - VA-165  
Corrosion Control - AMS2 (b) (6) - VA-155  
Maint Admin - AZ1 (b) (6) - VA-128



Safety/Quality Assurance - AD1 (b) (6) - VA-165  
AT1 (b) (6) - VA-196  
Instructor - AZ2 (b) (6) - FASOTRAGRUPAC  
Career Counselor - PN2 (b) (6) - VA-145  
Administration - YN2 (b) (6) - VA-52  
Intelligence - IS2 (b) (6) - VA-145

CDR (b) (6) relieved CDR (b) (6) as  
COMATKWINGPAC Maintenance Officer.

Procured five additional Maverick Missile VTRs, 20 LGTRs and  
brackets, and four CATM HARM missiles in support of Bombing Derby  
Competition.

Conducted a CWTPI on VA-196.

Conducted two at-sea cross-decks of the TOPSCENE mission  
rehearsal systems.

Conducted Post-Cruise MCI on VA-165.

Conducted MPA Visit on VA-196.

Attended COMNAVAIRPAC PACFLT Maintenance Officer Conference, San  
Diego, California.

Attended OPNAV A-6 Aircraft Distribution Conference, Norfolk,  
Virginia.

Received NADEP Norfolk authority and procedures to repair  
reflectors.

Attended ASN-139 Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) Meeting at  
NAS Miramar, San Diego, California.

LT (b) (6) relieved LCDR (b) (6) as Staff  
Training Officer.

COMATKWINGPAC relocated from building 385 to hangar 6.

### SEP 93

Command Review conducted on VA-52 27-30 September.

VA-95 mid-air collision with wingman following section mission in  
the Persian Gulf. Both aircraft departed controlled flight and  
were lost at sea. Both aircrews ejected. No fatalities. Class  
"A" Flight Mishap.

CAPT John T. Meister assumed command of COMATKWINGPAC.

CDR Richard R. Noble assumed command of VA-196.

VA-196/CVW-14 Fallon detachment complete.

VA-165 conducted four bulls-eye walleye missile shots and high altitude rockeye evaluation.

VA-95 supported Operation Southern Watch.

COMATKWINGPAC coordinated operationally required two-plane TRANSLANT to VA-95.

Conducted MPA on VA-52.

LCDR (b) (6) relieved LCDR (b) (6) as Assistant COMATKWINGPAC Maintenance Officer.

Conducted MCI on VA-128.

Hosted ARS Program Management Review (PMR).

Airframes Bulletin (AFB) 532 grounded two metal wing A-6Es and restricted all aircraft with a "Fatigue Life Expended" (FLE) of 40 percent or more.

Incorporated Airframes Change (AFC) 626 into VA-196 aircraft.

#### OCT 93

CDR (b) (6) assumed command of VA-165.

VA-196 participated in CVW-14 ITA/COMPTUEX.

VA-95 participated in coordinated strike exercises with coalition forces.

VA-52 participated in Air Warrior, Nellis AFB.

VA-145 decommissioned.

Provided VA-115 with SLAM/HARPOON missile training.

Completed major hardware modifications to the A-6E SWIP Part Task Trainer (PTT).

Hosted ARS Action Team Meeting.

Hosted Executive Team Meeting.

Conducted Pre-Cruise MCI on VA-115.



NADEP Jacksonville visited to fix and align AIMD Hybrid Test Station bench so AVC 4222 can be accomplished.

Represented CAWP/CVWP at the Naval Aviation Training Systems Advisory Group (NATSAG) Conference held at Pensacola, Florida.

Attended Digital Fuel Quantity System Maintenance Plan Review.

J52 Maintenance, Engineering, and Logistic Review (MELR) held at NAS Whidbey Island.

VA-196 A6-E aircraft fire following CAT shot resulted in a composite wing being burnt and not economical to repair. Class "B" Flight Mishap.

### NOV 93

VA-95 shifted from Operation Southern Watch to Operation Restore Hope and began armed reconnaissance missions.

TADS III Modification to RADCOM bench incorporated on USS CARL VINSON.

Hosted liaison visitors from COMPATWINGPAC prior to P-3 community arriving on board.

Provided O-Level and I-level RMK-31 Training to VA-115.

ECP 5075 extended on aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island.

VA-115 departed on deployment.

Attended Electromagnetic Environmental Effects Program Review in Washington, DC.

HALON Fire Extinguisher contract settled.

VA-196 moved to Hangar 12.

### DEC 93

Command Review conducted on Medium Attack Weapons School Pacific 13-16 December.

VA-115/CVW-5 participated in Beacon Flash.

VA-196 FLEETEX.

VA-52 supported Operation Restore Hope.

AZ2 (b) (6) selected as COMATKWINGPAC command Sailor of the Year.

AD1 (b) (6) (VA-128) selected as COMATKWINGPAC Shore Sailor of the Year.

Conducted Pre-Cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI) on VA-196.

VA-95 returned from deployment.

Began research on engine FODs through the Fatigue Analysis System Technology (FAST) Program.

VX-5 accepted three D704 ARSs.

Attended Quarterly Program Review on the A/A42R-1 ARS.

Set up incorporation of AFC 756.

VA-196 was first fleet squadron to receive TADS III ADI/DRDCs.

FRAMP and NAMTRAGRUDET consolidated into one organization.

Coordinated with COMNAVAIRPAC and cognizant field activities to increase maximum operation time hours for the P408A engine from 900 to 1,100 hours.

Completed transition from the J52-P408 to J52-P408A engine in the EA-6B aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island.

3. Additional Accomplishments. The COMATKWINGPAC TAD Department supported COMATKWINGPAC as well as COMVAQWINGPAC. Specific accomplishments for 1993 include:

- Provided technical expertise to all VA and VAQ squadrons assigned. Assisted CAG supported squadrons with TAD orders, training, input for travel orders to DFAS San Diego.
- Managed TADTAR OPTAR grants totaling over \$1 million dollars.
- Provided technical expertise in TAD orders for the decommissioning of VA-155, VAQ-35, and VA-145.

4. Narrative: Two focal points of the year were the establishment ceremony of COMATKWINGPAC on 26 February 1993 and a Change of Command ceremony held on 9 September 1993 when Captain Bernis H. Bailey was relieved by Captain John T. Meister.



## Captain John Thomas Meister

### United States Navy

John T. Meister attended West Babylon High School, New York and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1971 with a B.S. in Management.

Captain Meister's initial assignment was aboard USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2). He reported for flight training at NAS Pensacola, Florida in March 1972 and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1973. His initial aviation assignment was to Training Squadron SEVEN as a flight instructor in the TA-4J Skyhawk. In September 1975 he was ordered to Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO at NAS Oceana, Virginia for A-6 familiarization training. He was then assigned to Attack Squadron SIXTY-FIVE in September 1976 and deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

In March 1979, Captain Meister again reported to Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO as Carrier Qualification Phase Head and Syllabus Analyst. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College in January 1982 and, following a brief refresher at Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO, reported to Attack Squadron SEVENTY-FIVE in September 1982. He deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) and USS EISENHOWER (CVN-69) in support of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force, Beirut.

In May 1985, Captain Meister reported to Commander, Medium Attack Wing ONE, where he was designated the first Officer-in-Charge of the Medium Attack Tactical Employment School and honored as the 1985 Intruder of the Year. He assumed command of Attack Squadron SEVENTY-FIVE in April 1988. Following a brief assignment at Commander, Tactical Wings Atlantic as Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness, he assumed command of Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO, the east coast Intruder Fleet Replacement Squadron, in December 1989. His most recent assignment has been at the Pentagon as the A-6 Requirements Officer.

Captain Meister has over 3400 hours in the A-6 Intruder as is a veteran of over 880 carrier landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Captain Meister is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They reside in (b) (6) with their children (b) (6).



